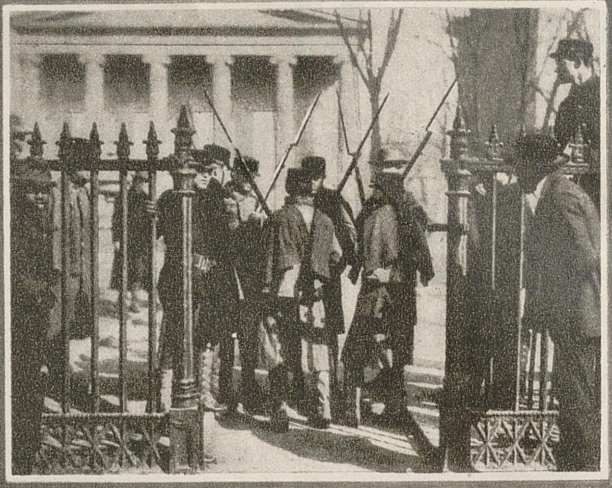


The old State-House and Executive Building at Frankfort, Ky., at the time of the assassination. Right cross shows where the victim fell, and left cross, the window on the side of the Executive Building from which shots were fired. Illustration at right shows military guard in front of State-House to prevent reprisals



By the Late

MARY CHENOWETH

Of The

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Mary Chenoweth, one of the best known newspaper writers in Kentucky, was killed by a hit-and-run driver on January 19th, 1931, within a block of her home in Louisville. For many years she had been a feature writer for the Louisville Courier-Journal and was widely known throughout the State. She contributed stories of famous cases to Macfadden Publications, among them being featured stories on George Remus, the baffling mystery of Ella MacDowell Rogers of Louisville, the famous Elizabeth Grif-fith case, and the notorious case of Joseph Wendling, murderer of little Alma Kellner. In her investigation of the Wendling case more than twenty years after the crime, Miss Chenoweth visited Wendling in the state prison in Eddyville and later brought all the evidence in the case to this office. She proved conclusively that Wendling's plea that he was wrongfully convicted was a false claim.

We are here presenting Miss Chenoweth's last story written for THE MASTER DETECTIVE shortly before her tragic death—a case that interested her deeply. She was a true Kentuckian, patriotic, and intensely loyal to the State she loved so well.—Ed.

“Be careful, Senator,” said Colonel John K. Hendricks as the party rose to leave for the State-House. “There are rumors of

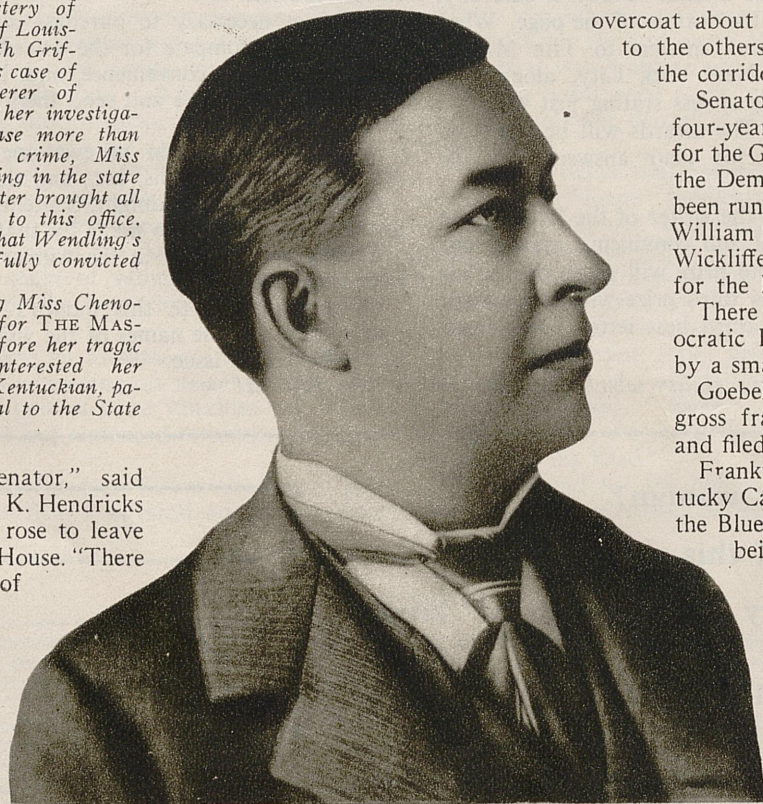
your assassination—you had better not leave the hotel.”

“Colonel,” he replied, smiling back in a dauntless manner, “when that happens, it will be to my people what the blowing up of the Maine was to Cuba.”

—Throwing a heavy

# The MURDER of

## MARY CHENOWETH'S



Governor of Kentucky William Goebel who was assassinated on the State-House grounds at Frankfort, Ky., January 30th, 1900

overcoat about his shoulders, he motioned to the others and led the way through the corridor to the street.

Senator William Goebel, forty-four-year-old prospective candidate for the Governorship of Kentucky on the Democratic ticket, in 1899, had been running against the Republican, William S. Taylor, with John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham, his running mate, for the Lieutenant Governorship.

There had been a rift in the Democratic Party and Taylor had won by a small margin of 2,383 votes.

Goebel and Beckham charged that gross frauds had been perpetrated, and filed suit contesting the election.

Frankfort, the historic old Kentucky Capital, nestled in the heart of the Bluegrass, where the contest was being decided by the General Assembly, was on the verge of a civil war.

On January 25th, a body of armed mountaineers, referred to as the mountain army, supporters of Taylor, had arrived in Frankfort ostensibly to petition the Legislature in behalf of their cause.

The above conversation took place on the morning of January 30th.